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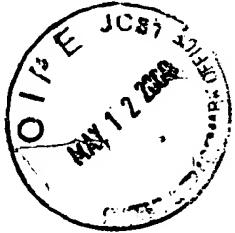
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Further to a communication dated August 31, 1999 from the Examiner in charge of the above-referenced application, the six-month period of suspension imposed *sua sponte* by the Examiner expired on February 29, 2000.

Accordingly, Applicants submit the instant inquiry as to the status of the above-referenced application. The Examiner is urged to provide a status update to the undersigned.

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